

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 42-45 were objected to for depending on a rejected base claim but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. With the present amendment, claim 41 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 42, and as such represents claim 42 written in independent form. Therefor, claim 41 and claims 43-45, which depend therefrom, are in form for allowance.

The Office Action also objected to claim 54 because it depended on a cancelled claim. With the present Amendment, claim 54 has been amended to depend from claim 52 and as such is in form for allowance.

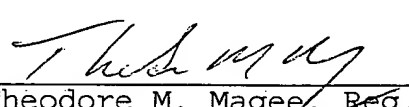
With the above amendments, claims 41, 43-46, 48-52, 54 and 56 are in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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